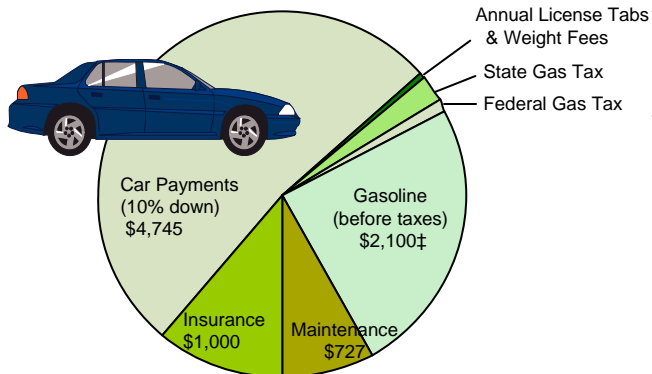


# What does it typically cost per year to travel by car and where does the money go?

**\$8,917 per year**

Average expenditures for traveling in a typical passenger car in Washington State by major category, as of July 1, 2008.



## Annual transportation tax and fee payments attributable to a car driven 12,000 miles per year in the last 12 months

State license tabs & weight fees	\$40.00
State gas tax 37.5¢ per gallon	\$204.56
Federal gas tax 18.4¢ per gallon	\$100.37
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$344.93</b>

\$20 of the tab fee goes to the State Patrol and approximately 35% of the gas tax goes to local governments.

Local option taxes for local transportation projects may exist over and above those listed.

## Distribution of the annual \$345 in taxes and fees for a typical car

State gas tax to cities and counties for roads	\$65.19
State license tab fees to Washington State Patrol	\$20.00
State gas tax and license tab fees to WSDOT*	\$159.02
Federal gas tax returns to the State for Federal Highway Programs**	\$100.72
<b>Total funds distributed</b>	<b>\$344.93</b>

\* The legislature appropriates some of these state funds to other agencies, including DOL, State Parks, etc.

\*\* Federal Highway Programs include monies for Local Governments as well as for the State.

‡ Based on the fiscal year 2009 projected annual average cost for fuel in Washington - \$3.85/gallon

The **\$159** WSDOT retains of the state gas tax and license tab fees maintains the state highway system, pays bond debt service on current, past and future capital projects and more.

<b>Assumptions for 2008</b>	Average annual miles	12,000
	Miles per gallon	22
	Total gallons used per year	545.5
	Purchase price of a 2008 Ford Taurus	\$24,000
	Cost for fuel (excluding taxes)	\$2,100
	WA gas tax 23 ¢ rate	\$125
	WA gas tax 5 ¢ rate	\$27
	WA gas tax 9.5 ¢ rate	\$52
	Federal gas tax 18.4 ¢ rate	\$101
	License tab & weight fee	\$40